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 Applicant : Kirk Emil APT  
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 Title : TROPIC CONVERSION OF OBLIGATE PHOTOTROPHIC  
 ALGAE THROUGH METABOLIC ENGINEERING  
 TC/Art Unit : 1645  
 Examiner: : Gerald G. Leffers, Jr. (in accordance with PAIR)  
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Please change the attorney docket number in the above-referenced application from 03176.000212 to 62611.000171.

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It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits from the PTO. Applicants would appreciate an indication as to when the first communication on the merits from

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the PTO will be received. Applicants would also appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

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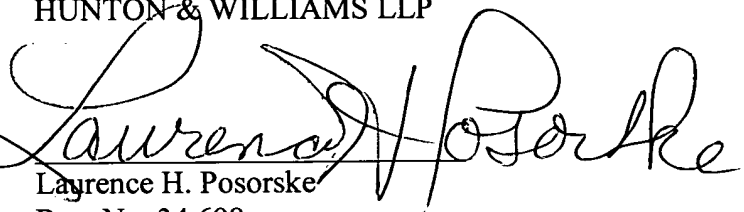
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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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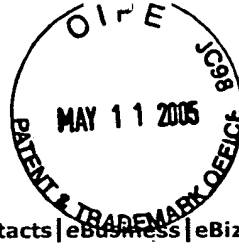
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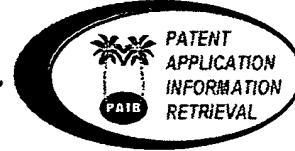


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